

REMARKS

Regarding the objections to the declaration, and the rejections of claims 14-43 under 35 USC 251 and 37 CFR 1.175, please note that the present application is a division of a prior reissue application having serial no. 10/367,619. As such, the declaration filed in this divisional application was a copy of the declaration filed in the parent reissue application. It appears from the objections and rejections that the Patent Office still has not received the first page of the declaration filed in the parent reissue application. Accompanying this Response is a copy of the complete parent reissue application declaration. It will be seen that each of the objections to the declaration is cured by the statements contained on the first page of the declaration.

Also accompanying this Response are three supplemental declarations signed by the applicants (other than James R. Longbottom). The supplemental declarations state that every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior declaration submitted in the application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. Thus, the supplemental declarations identify the errors which are being corrected in this divisional reissue application.

The examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14-43 is noted with appreciation. In light of the foregoing remarks and enclosed declarations, a Notice of Allowance of claims 14-43 is earnestly solicited.

To ensure that all of the requirements for this divisional reissue application have now been satisfied, the undersigned attorney for applicants would like to take this opportunity to request an interview with the examiner following the filing of this Response. Such interviews between this attorney and examiner in the past have been very productive and have tended to expedite the prosecution of applications. In addition, if the examiner wishes to interview this attorney, a call is welcomed at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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